

REMARKS

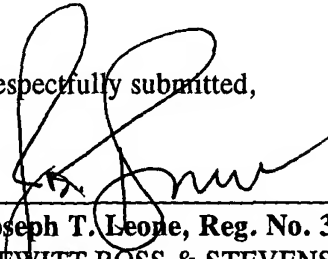
Applicants request entry of this Preliminary Amendment in advance of calculation of the filing fees and in advance of prosecution on the merits.

Claim 17 has been amended herein and Claims 15-16, 25-44, and 50-56 have been canceled. Claims 1-14, 17-24, and 45-49 remain in the case.

A Rule 3.73(b) Certificate accompanies this paper. Entry of the same is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for examination on the merits. Early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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